

Junior Ranger Activity Book

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Welcome to Charles Pinckney National Historic Site (NHS), part of the National Park Service. Your visit today will be filled with history. The land you are on is a small part of Snee Farm Plantation inherited by Charles Pinckney in 1782. In 1990, the Friends of Historic Snee Farm gave the land and house to the National Park Service (NPS).

Archeology was a major tool used to discover the history of Snee Farm. Archeological digs uncovered stories of the people who lived here. Because of the importance of the archeological digs, this Junior Ranger program is entitled:

DIG INTO HISTORY!

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Watch the orientation film or attend an interpretive program, if available. Ask the ranger or volunteer at the information desk for details.

Ranger Signature

2. Complete the National Park Service activities on the first four pages.

3. Complete additional activities according to your age:

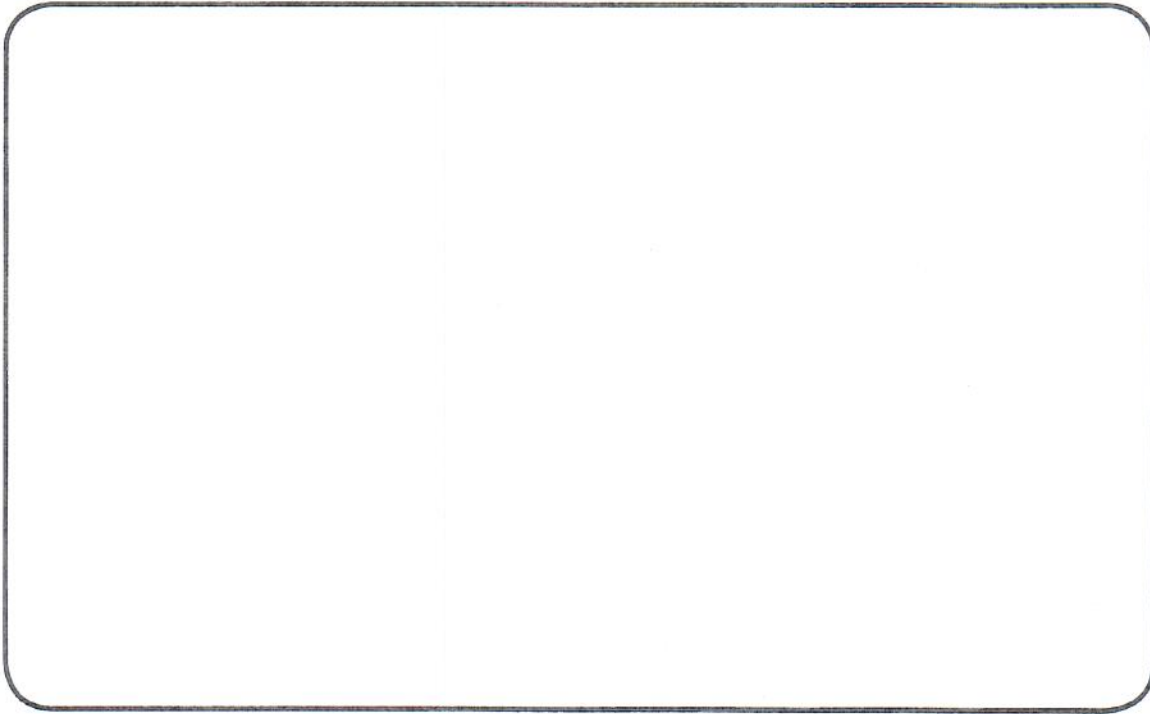
<u>Ages</u>	<u># of activities</u>
11-12	5 activities
7-10	4 activities
under 7	3 activities

Safety Note: Please review the orange safety insert from your brochure before exploring the site.

BEING A JUNIOR RANGER (REQUIRED)

Since National Parks belong to all Americans, it is everyone's responsibility to help take care of them. More and more people visit Charles Pinckney every year. Some do things without thinking how their actions affect the park and other visitors, like carving their initials in a tree, picking the flowers, or digging in the dirt and taking the found treasures home as souvenirs. With your help, the Charles Pinckney NHS will be as well preserved for your children and grandchildren as it is for you.

Write or draw one way you, your family and your friends can help take care of the Charles Pinckney NHS.



AMERICA'S TREASURE KEEPERS (REQUIRED)

Many people work together to protect and preserve your National Parks. Administrative staff manage the money to pay for everything from brochures to computers. Resource Management staff keep the parks in good condition by maintaining the nature trail, repainting the house, picking up trash and cutting the grass. Perhaps the most easily recognized National Park Service employees are the Park Rangers. They wear the green and gray uniform with a gold badge and a "Smokey the Bear" hat. You can see them doing many different jobs including: greeting the visitors at the information desk, presenting interpretive programs, and giving first aid. Dedicated volunteers donate their time to help all three divisions preserve and protect the parks for YOU.

Find ANY person who works at Charles Pinckney and ask him or her the following questions and write down the answers:

What is your name? _____

What is your job? _____

How many years have you worked here? _____

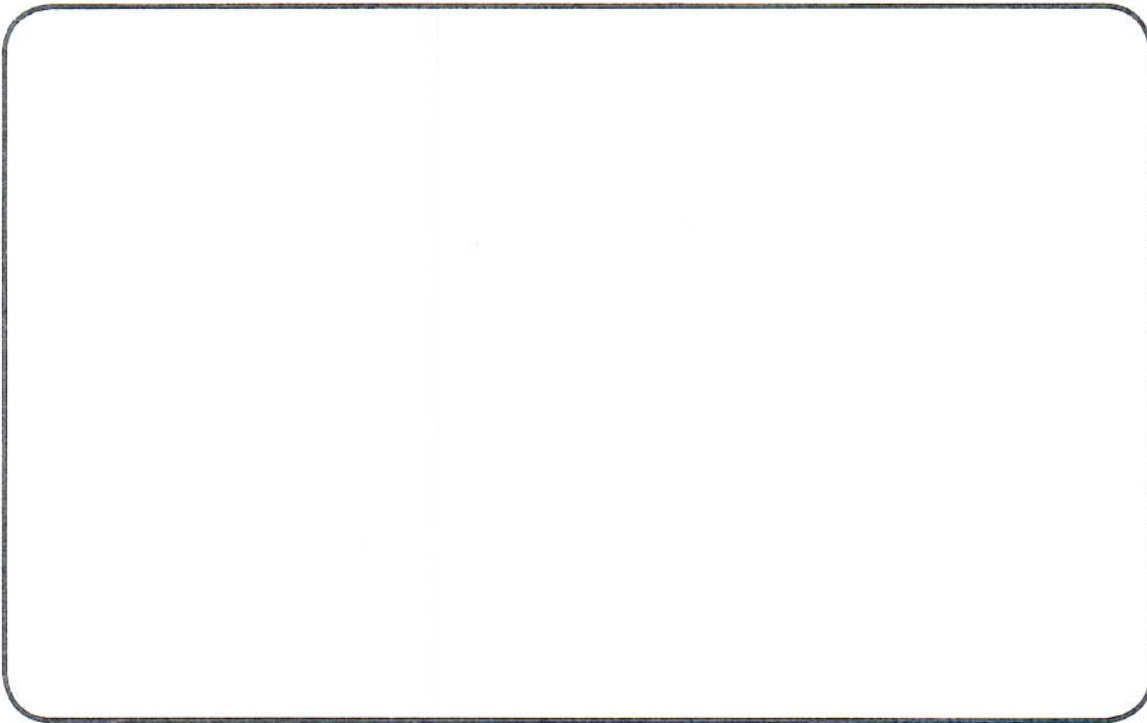
What do you like best about your job? _____

Have you worked at any other National Park Service sites? If yes, which ones? _____

CHARLES PINCKNEY NHS (REQUIRED)

Charles Pinckney NHS opened in May 1995 with a mission of interpreting Charles Pinckney's life and accomplishments, the writing of the U.S. Constitution, colonial plantation life, and the American Revolution. Charles Pinckney, who inherited Snee Farm from his father, rose to prominence as an accomplished politician. The lives of enslaved Africans and their Gullah culture is also explored. Although the existing house was built after Charles Pinckney sold Snee Farm, archaeological digs discovered the foundation to his house under this one.

Draw a picture of your favorite scene or exhibit.



YOUR NATIONAL PARKS (REQUIRED)

In 1872, Americans thought it was important to save areas of historic or natural value for us to enjoy in the future. Congress made Yellowstone our first National Park, and then in 1916, created the National Park Service. and said its job was:

“...to conserve the scenery and the natural historic objects and the wildlife therein and provide for the enjoyment of the same in a manner...as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations...”

Today the National Park System includes seashores, historic sites, monuments and recreation areas. In fact, there are 390 National Park Service sites and the list keeps growing. You may live near or have visited some of your National Parks such as Cumberland Island National Seashore in Georgia, Dinosaur National Monument in Utah, or Clara Barton National Historic Site in Maryland.

ACTIVITIES

1. What are the two other National Park Service sites in the Charleston area?

A.

B.

2. Mark them on the map located on the next page.

3. Mark and name other National Park sites you have visited on the map.

UNITED STATES MAP



CHARLES PINCKNEY, POLITICIAN

Charles Pinckney started his career in public service in his early twenties. He held positions in local, state, national, and international office. Write about something important that he did at each government level.

DIG FOR DETAILS!

Local Government:
State Government:
National Government:
International Position:

CHARLES PINCKNEY TIMELINE

Draw a line to match the date with the event:

- | | |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1757 | Constitutional Convention delegate |
| 1780 | Born to Colonel Charles & Francis Brewton Pinckney |
| 1787 | Prisoner of war during the American Revolution |
| 1791 | Died |
| 1817 | George Washington visited Snee Farm |
| 1821 | Sold Snee Farm to pay debts |
| 1824 | Retired from politics |

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the clues below to solve the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

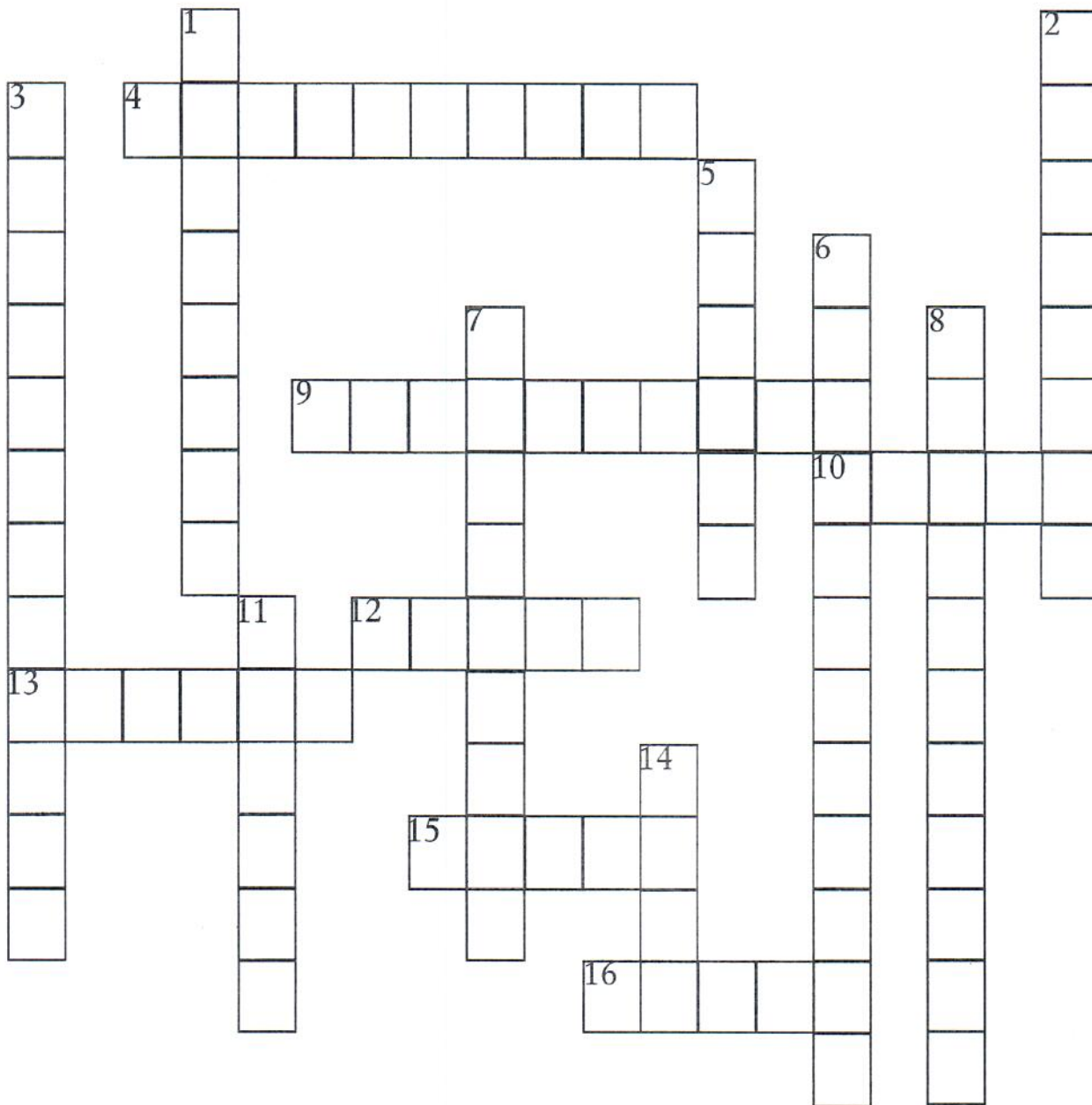
- 4. Slave-made pottery
- 9. A large farm
- 10. A person owned as property by someone else
- 12. Sesame seed
- 13. Language and culture developed by Africans who lived in the Lowcountry
- 15. A device for flooding rice fields
- 16. Name of a river and a Native American tribe

DOWN

- 1. Head of state government
- 2. Owner of Snee Farm who signed the U.S. Constitution
- 3. Scientist who digs for artifacts
- 5. Plant used to make blue dye
- 6. Document forming the basis of a government
- 7. List of property
- 8. Air plant (epiphyte) that grows on Live Oak trees
- 11. Government district similar to a county
- 14. Green vegetable brought to America from Africa

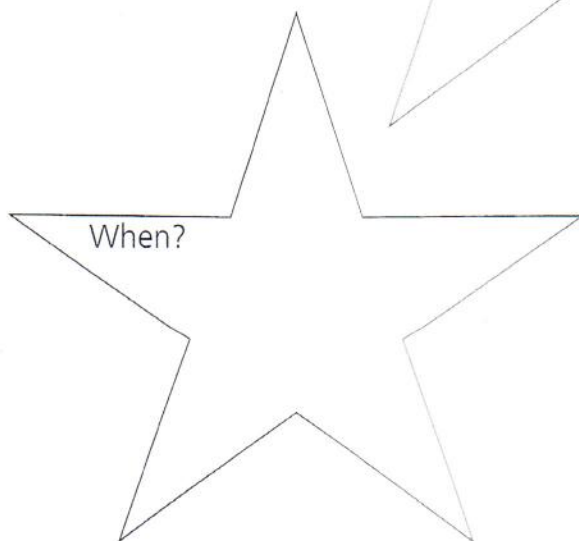
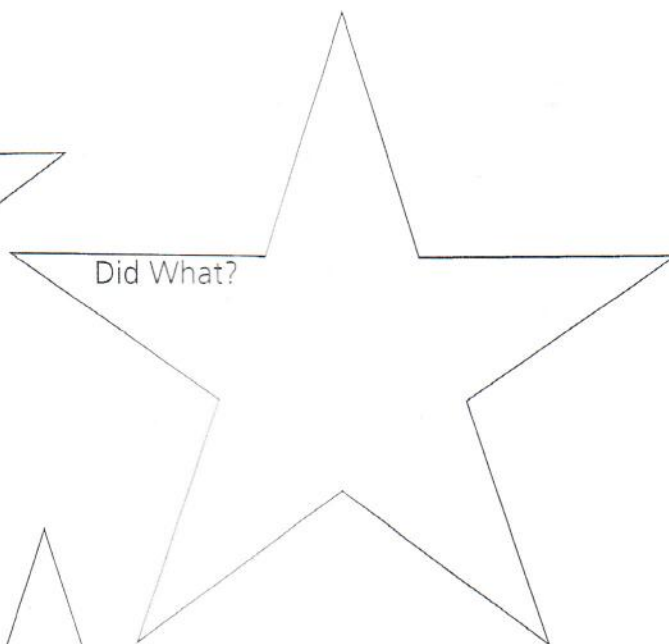
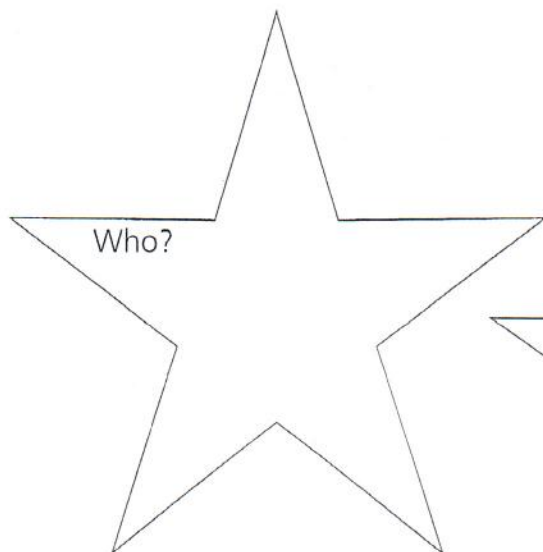
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Write your answers clearly in the correct places.



STARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA'S HISTORY

While visiting this site, you have learned about people who played a role in South Carolina's history. Choose one and fill in the stars for that person.



WORD SEARCH

C	O	N	S	T	I	T	U	T	I	O	N
F	O	X	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	C	O
A	B	L	C	D	E	F	G	E	O	I	I
A	B	C	O	D	F	L	G	I	N	J	T
M	N	K	O	N	P	L	Q	R	R	S	U
S	R	T	U	V	O	E	W	E	X	X	L
A	C	E	G	I	K	W	M	C	O	P	O
S	R	T	V	X	Z	B	A	I	D	F	V
L	C	O	L	O	N	Y	H	R	J	L	E
A	Z	A	L	E	A	N	A	D	E	E	R
V	O	E	S	U	W	I	Y	A	A	B	B
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R	G	G	O	O	H	H	O	I	N	I	T
Y	J	I	N	J	V	G	K	N	L	L	T
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X	X	S	S	A	R	G	T	E	E	W	S
A	R	T	I	F	A	C	T	S	B	A	C

artifacts, azalea, benne, buttons, coins, colonoware, colony,
 constitution, deer, fox, indigo, magnolia, marsh, okra, plantation,
 revolution, rice, slavery, Snee, sweetgrass, vote, well

SOUTH CAROLINA'S DELEGATES to the CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Charles Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney,
John Rutledge and Pierce Butler

These four gentlemen played important roles in South Carolina's political life as well as in the development of the United States and its government. Read the information in each box and decide to which man it refers. Write the correct name on the line.

At the Constitutional Convention I presented the Great Compromise and helped write the final draft of the Constitution. President Washington appointed me to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of our country. I am	I proposed that the dealings of the Constitutional Convention be kept secret. I represented the "back country" people but believed that too much power shouldn't be given to the people. In 1787 I was elected to the United States Senate. I am
At the Constitutional Convention I worked in areas of navigation and slave trade. I was an ambassador to France. The Federalist Party nominated me for the office of Vice President once and twice for the Presidency. I am	I became actively involved in politics at age 21. At the Constitutional Convention I presented a <i>draught</i> . Twenty-four ideas in the Constitution are attributed to me. I was the ambassador to Spain for Thomas Jefferson. I am

WHO IS WHO?

Can you match the delegate's name to the correct picture?

Charles Pinckney



John Rutledge



Pierce Butler



Charles Cotesworth Pinckney



GULLAH EXPRESSIONS

The enslaved Africans on sea island plantations developed a Creole language using a blend of West African, English and French words called Gullah or Geechee. The term Gullah/Geechee goes beyond the language and includes the culture, value systems, and how people live. A living culture, many Gullah/Geechee words and customs are still used and practiced today.

Below are examples of Gullah words and their meanings. Use the words to write a sentence and then draw a picture to illustrate the sentence.

Bidi: small bird or chicken

'Kala: rice

Dungu: pepper

Gumbo: okra

Yam: sweet potato

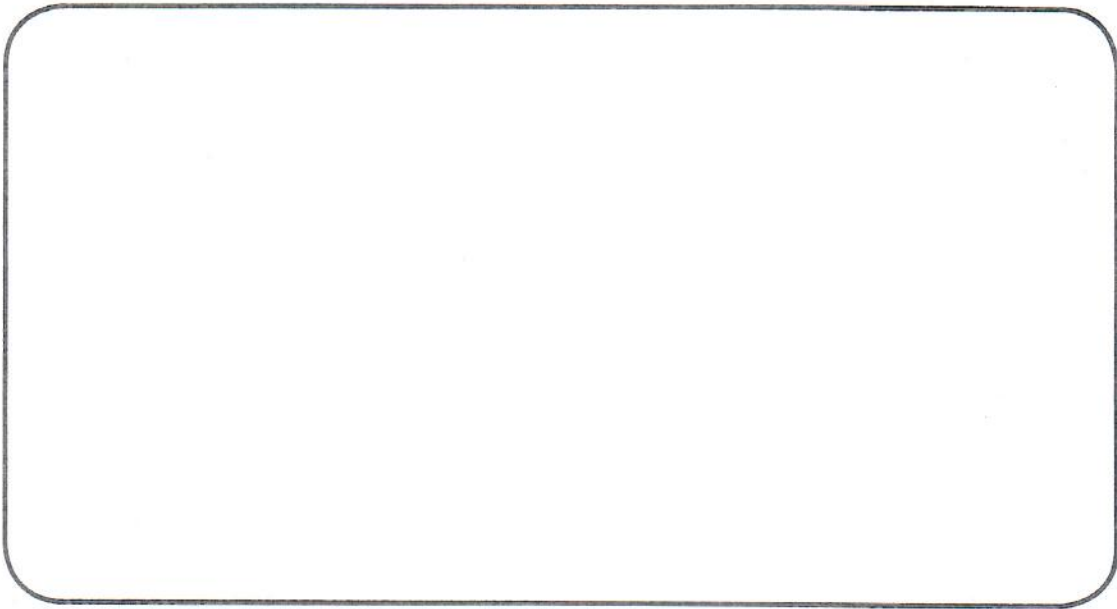
Da (dada): mother, nurse, elder woman

Nayam: to eat

So'kela: iron pot

Tata: father

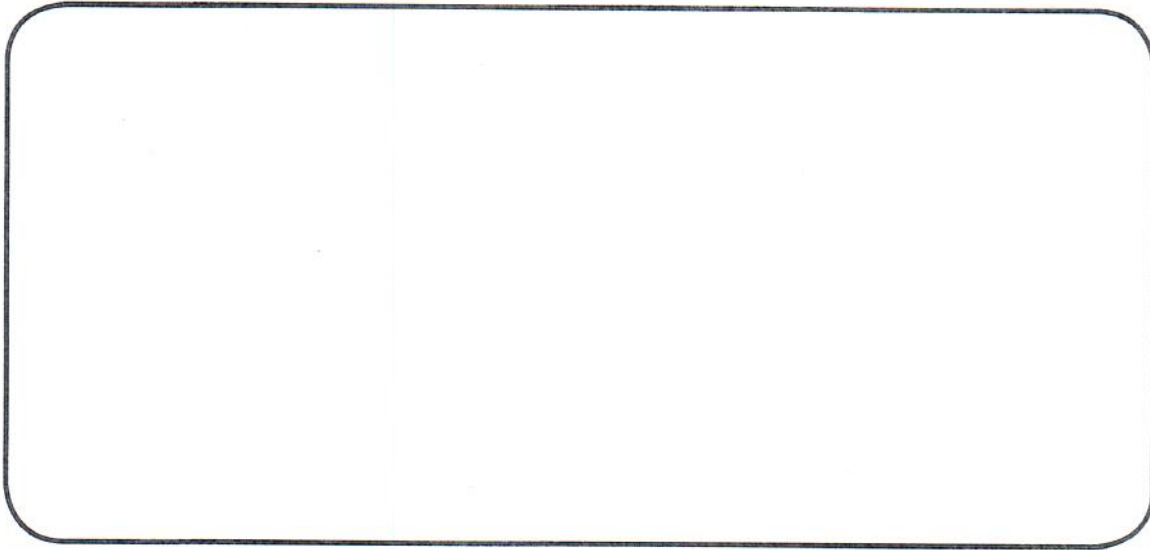
Tote: to pick up



SWEETGRASS BASKETS

Making sweetgrass baskets is a craft people brought with them from Africa. Like their ancestors, today Gullah basketmakers preserve this traditional craft. Each basket is handmade using plants found in the Lowcountry. Sweetgrass, along with pine needles, bulrush, and palmetto are used to create beautiful and functional baskets.

In the box below, design your own sweetgrass basket. Think about how it could be used in your home or on a plantation or farm.



On a farm I would use my basket _____

In my home I would use my basket _____

A WALK THROUGH NATURE

To complete this activity you need a trail map from the visitor center. Walk along the nature trail and see how many of the following you can pick out. Try to find at least three, and check them off when you do!

☐ A Red Cedar Tree



☐ Spanish Moss



☐ A Dwarf Palmetto



☐ Traces of an old
tree house

☐ A tree uprooted by
Hurricane Hugo

Does anything else along the nature trail catch your eye? _____

How do you think this area has been affected and changed by man throughout the years? _____

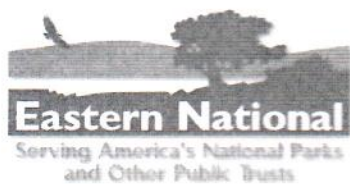
What can we do to help protect nature? _____

BINGO

How many Bingo combinations can you get?

Write the answers in the boxes.

What was found in the well during the dig?	What causes rivers in the low country to appear black?	Eliza Pinckney introduced this cash crop to the Colonies.	What is the purpose of a rice trunk?
How many states signed the U.S. Constitution?	List two Native American tribes that lived in South Carolina.	What did enslaved Africans use for decorative jewelry?	What military rank did Charles Pinckney hold in the American Revolution?
Name 3 low country animals found by early settlers.	How many acres of the original Snee Farm are now owned by the NPS?	Were soldiers at Snee Farm during the Civil War?	Name 2 skills that increased the value of an enslaved African.
Name three foods that are African in origin.	Charles Pinckney was appointed ambassador to what country?	On what date did South Carolina ratify the U.S. Constitution?	Buttons found during an archeological dig were made of what two materials?



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